

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1        1. A cleaning solution capable of selectively removing a damaged portion of  
2 a ferroelectric layer, the cleaning solution comprising:

3              a fluoride;

4              an organic acid with carboxyl group;

5              an alkaline pH adjusting agent; and

6              water.

1        2. The cleaning solution of claim 1, wherein the pH of the cleaning solution is  
2 about 4.5 to about 6.0.

1        3. The cleaning solution of claim 1, wherein the fluoride is hydrogen fluoride,  
2 hydroboron tetrafluoride or ammonium fluoride.

1        4. The cleaning solution of claim 1, wherein the organic acid is formic acid,  
2 acetic acid or citric acid.

1        5. The cleaning solution of claim 1, wherein the alkaline pH adjusting agent is  
2 ammonium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, tetramethylammonium hydroxide or  
3 tetraethylammonium hydroxide.

1        6. The cleaning solution of claim 1, wherein the content of the fluoride is  
2 about 0.01% to about 1% by weight based on the total weight of the cleaning solution.

1        7. The cleaning solution of claim 1, wherein the content of the organic acid  
2 with carboxyl group is about 1% to about 50% by weight based on the total weight of  
3 the cleaning solution.

1           8. The cleaning solution of claim 1, wherein the content of the alkali pH  
2 adjusting agent is about 0.25% to about 15% by weight based on the total weight of the  
3 cleaning solution.

1           9. The cleaning solution of claim 1, wherein the damaged portion of the  
2 ferroelectric layer to be removed with the cleaning solution includes the surface of the  
3 ferroelectric layer passed through annealing after deposition, or the surface of the  
4 ferroelectric layer passed through an etching process.

1           10. A method of selectively removing a damaged portion of a ferroelectric  
2 layer with a cleaning solution, the method comprising:

3           providing an integrated circuit substrate having an exposed ferroelectric layer  
4 with the damaged portion; and

5           contacting the exposed ferroelectric layer with the cleaning solution, said  
6 cleaning solution including a fluoride, an organic acid with carboxyl group, an alkaline  
7 pH adjusting agent, and water.

1           11. The method of claim 10, wherein the exposed ferroelectric layer includes  
2 the surface of the ferroelectric layer passed through annealing after deposition on the  
3 integrated circuit substrate, and the step of making the exposed ferroelectric layer  
4 contact the cleaning solution includes etching back the ferroelectric layer by about 100  
5 Å to about 500 Å from the top of the ferroelectric layer.

1           12. The method of claim 10, wherein the exposed ferroelectric layer is  
2 interposed between upper and lower electrode layers, and the method further  
3 comprises forming a capacitor by patterning the upper electrode layer, the ferroelectric  
4 layer and the lower electrode layer, before contacting the exposed ferroelectric layer  
5 with the cleaning solution.

1           13. The method of claim 10, wherein the pH of the cleaning solution is about  
2       4.5 to about 6.0.

1           14. The method of claim 10, wherein the fluoride is hydrogen fluoride,  
2       hydroboron tetrafluoride or ammonium fluoride.

1           15. The method of claim 10, wherein the organic acid is formic acid, acetic  
2       acid or citric acid.

1           16. The method of claim 10, wherein the alkaline pH adjusting agent is  
2       ammonium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, tetramethylammonium hydroxide or  
3       tetraethylammonium hydroxide.

1           17. The method of claim 10, wherein the content of the fluoride is about 0.01%  
2       to about 1% by weight based on the total weight of the cleaning solution.

1           18. The method of claim 10, wherein the content of the organic acid with  
2       carboxyl group is about 1% to about 50% by weight based on the total weight of the  
3       cleaning solution.

1           19. The method of claim 10, wherein the content of the alkali pH adjusting  
2       agent is about 0.25 % to about 15% by weight based on the total weight of the cleaning  
3       solution.